

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Cancelled).
2. (Cancelled).
3. (Cancelled).
4. A ceramic product possessing the structure whose dislocation density of uniformly distributed linear dislocation structure in the sub-surface regions of the ceramic product is in the range of from  $1 \times 10^4$  to  $9 \times 10^{13} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ .
5. (New) The ceramic product of claim 4 wherein the uniformly distributed linear dislocation structure in the sub-surface regions is formed by using abrasives composed of fine particles having convexly curved surface and having an average particle size of  $0.1 \mu\text{m}$  to  $250 \mu\text{m}$  and a Vickers hardness (HV) of 500 or more.
6. (New) The ceramic product of claim 5, wherein the uniformly distributed linear dislocation structure in the sub-surface regions is formed by plastic working carried out by shot blasting said abrasives at a pressure of 0.1 to 0.5MPa, a shot blasting speed of 20m/sec to 250m/sec and a shot blasting time of from  $0.1 \text{ sec/cm}^2$  to  $60 \text{ sec/cm}^2$ .
7. (New) The ceramic product of claim 6 having a Vickers hardness (HV) of +50 or less.